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COLD SPRING BRIDGE SUICIDE BARRIER PROJECT BEGINS NEXT WEEK

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - A project to install a suicide barrier on the Cold Spring Bridge on State Route 154 will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

A grid mesh barrier will be installed on both sides of the Cold Spring Bridge, which has been the location of 55 suicides since it was opened in 1964. Motorists will encounter one-way reversing traffic control Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.

The CHP will assist in maintaining a safe construction zone. Detour signs will be posted to direct bicyclists and pedestrians away from the bridge during construction.

"When completed, this section of State Route 154 will provide a safer environment for all travelers on the bridge," said Caltrans District 5 Director Rich Krumholz.

The contractor for this \$778,000 project is Bugler Construction of Pleasanton, CA. This project is expected to be completed this spring, weather permitting.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highways in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

